

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER
U. S. WEATHER BUREAU,
Dec. 11, 1916—Last twenty-
four hours: Rainfall, .50.
Temperature, Min. 56; Max.
75. Weather, clear.

Hawaiian Gazette

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SMITHSONIAN DEPOSIT

LATEST CABLED SUGAR QUOTATIONS		
	Cents	Dollars
96° Centrifugal N. Y.	per lb.	per ton
Price, Hawaiian basis	5.04	\$112.80
Last previous quota- tion.....	6.52	\$130.40

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JOFFRE REPORTED SUPERSEDED BY GENERAL PETAIN

VERDUN HERO COMMANDER-IN- CHIEF IN WEST RUMOR ASSERTS

Unofficial Rumors From Paris
Receive More Or Less Confir-
mation By Private Advices
From the French Capital

JOFFRE'S HEALTH SAID
TO HAVE BROKEN DOWN

Russians Claim To Have Suc-
ceeded In Checking The Advance
of the Teutonic Forces
Northeast of Rumanian Capital

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
NEW YORK, December 12—
Overshadowing all other
news official and unofficial from
the war fronts is the report that
has seeped out of Paris that Gen-
eral Joffre is to be superseded by
General Petain, hero of the five
months of desperate fighting be-
fore Verdun, and the man whose
valor and vim were responsible
for the success of the French ad-
vance at the Butte Tahure in
Champagne.

This report, which has not been
officially confirmed, has been cir-
culated from mouth to mouth in
France for some time and reach-
ed here some days ago, unoffi-
cially. Last night private advices
from Paris to Washington went
far to confirm it.

PETAINE COMMANDS

According to the report Petain,
who for months has been with
General Joffre, the idol of the
French armies in the field and
the hero of the French people at
home, will immediately assume
command of the Allies on the
western front.

Just what disposition will be
made of General Joffre is not in-
timated, although it is rumored
that his health has broken down
at last under the terrific strain of
two years of constant war, dur-
ing which never for a moment has
the load of responsibility been
eased from his shoulders.

In this city there are not lack-
ing those who see a significance
in the breaking up of the British
cabinet under Asquith and the
change in the French command
at the front.

Military experts point out that
the methods which have been tried
by the Joffre regime at the front
and the Asquith regime in politics
have failed and that now both
France and Britain are deter-
mined to give other methods a trial.

Rumanians Still Retreat

Be that as it may it looks as though
any move that the Allies may make
will come too late to save the armies
of King Ferdinand. They are reported
to be still falling back before the ham-
mer blows of von Mackensen and von
Falkenhayn, who are reported to be
pressing them from the north and south
simultaneously, and to have cut
through the defensive works which the
Rumanians had built on the Salonta
River, which they have crossed near
Revenau.

The line of the Buzau River, behind
which the Rumanians are attempting
to find security, is still thirty-five miles
away from the center of the retreating
armies, and the road to it crossed a
broad plain or prairie, affording but lit-
tle if any protection from pursuing
cavalry and artillery.

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GERMANY ASKS FOR PEACE

Bethman-Hollweg Makes Important Announcement

(Associated Press by Cable)

BERLIN, December 12:--Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, in a
remarkably frank speech before the reichstag here this afternoon
(Tuesday), announced that Germany and her allies are now ready
to enter forthwith into peace negotiations.

The chancellor stated that he spoke with the consent of
Austro-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey, the representatives of which
had authorized the announcement that they are prepared to enter
into an armistice at once and end the war for the purpose of
securing peace.

The announcement is received with intense excitement.

MONSTER CRUELTY OF DARK AGES LIVES IN BELGIUM

Holland Helpless To Stop Enslave-
ment of Her Neighbors By the
Invader Strongly Appeals To
Neutral Nations of the World

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
LONDON, December 12—Only in the
history of the early ages can anything
be found to parallel the enslaving of
the Belgians as now being carried for-
ward by Germany, declares an appeal
to the people of the United States, re-
ceived by the Associated Press office
here from Amsterdam, to be forwarded
to the United States. The appeal comes
from the Holland section of the League
of Neutral States, which includes in its
membership many of the leading citi-
zens of the Dutch Kingdom.

"An Appeal to the People of the
United States," the message is headed.
It says, in part:

"Only in the history of the early
ages, before civilization had been ex-
tended into Europe, can there be found
anything to parallel what is today be-
ing enacted throughout the Kingdom of
Belgium, where the German occupiers
are carrying off into slavery many
thousands of the civilian population.

"The convention adopted at The
Hague and signed by the representa-
tives of the Powers, including Germany
and the United States, stipulates that
the honor and the rights of the family
must be respected, but Germany is
deliberately and in defiance of the law
of nations and of common humanity
dragging the families of Belgians
apart."

PEACE ON BORDER COSTING MILLIONS

Quartermaster General Reports
Deficit In His Department
Alone of \$25,000,000

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, December 12—The
extraordinary expenses in connection
with the military activities along the
border, where the militia has been
mobilized, have resulted in a threat-
ened deficit of \$25,000,000 in the quar-
termaster general's department, accord-
ing to a statement made before the
house committee on military affairs
yesterday by Major-General Sharpe.

The quartermaster general predicted
that if the militia be retained on the
border at its present strength of 75,000
until the end of the fiscal year the
deficit would be double the figure he
has named, or at least \$50,000,000.

AMERICAN BEATEN BY VILLA BANDITS

News of Outlaw Chieftain's Acts
In Chihuahua Reach
Border City

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, December 11—A
refugee who has reached El Paso, Tex-
as, from across the border reports that
Henry Harries, formerly of Kansas City
and now a tailor at the City of Chihua-
hua, was severely beaten by a Villista
when Villa was in Chihuahua. He was
assaulted because he was an American.
Villa demanded and obtained 1,000-
000 pesos during his occupation of the
City and threatened to burn the town,
and declared everything in the posses-
sion of Americans would be confiscated,
according to a letter Mrs. Barnett Dan-
nis, wife of a merchant, has sent to her
son, Samuel, an attorney of Los Ange-
les.

MORE STEAMERS SUNK BY MINES AND DIVERS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
LONDON, December 12—The Greek
steamer Grigoris Anghelatos and the
Norwegian steamers Modum and Falk
have been torpedoed. The Danish
steamer Arne has been sunk by a mine
and four of her crew are missing.
The British steamer Strathclyde has
been sunk by a mine, according to a
despatch to London last night, but her
crew was saved.

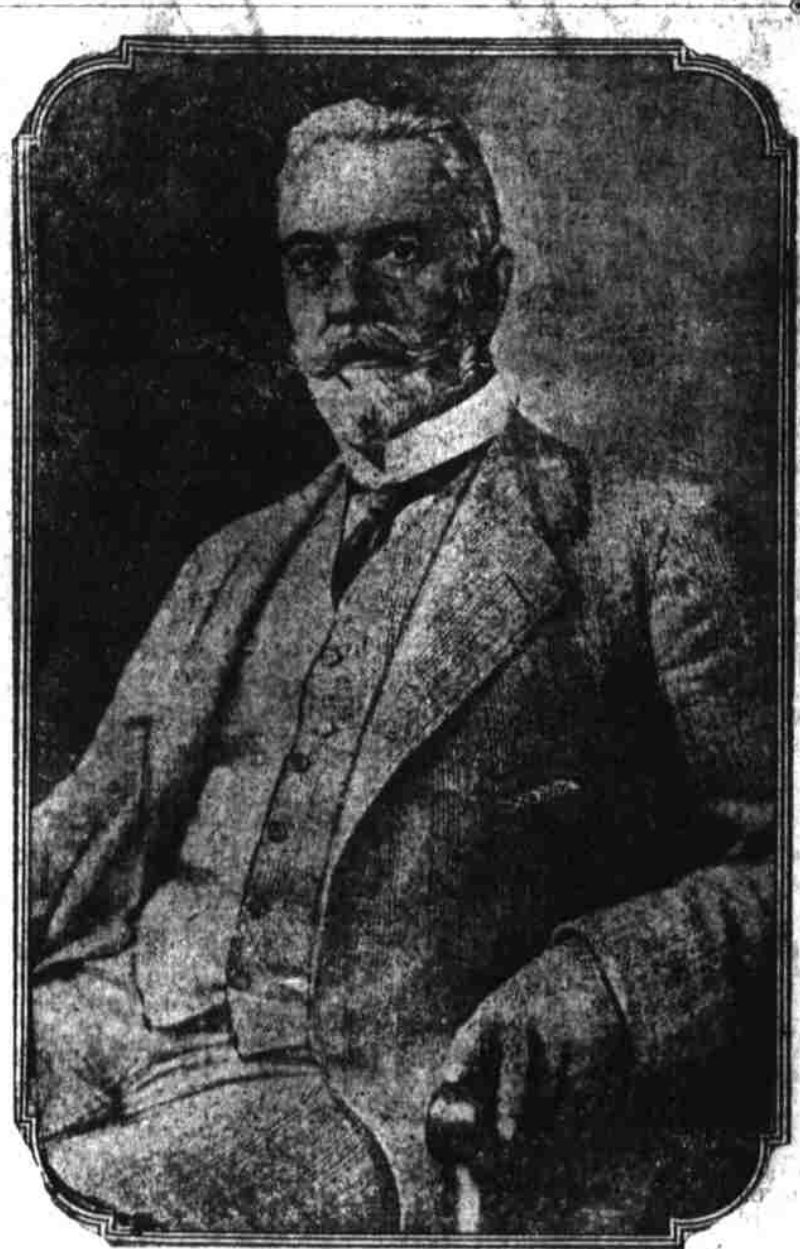
REVOLT IN GREECE SPREAD TO ISLANDS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
LONDON, December 11—An Athens
despatch says that there is a revolu-
tion in the Cyclades, a group of Greek
islands in the Aegean sea, which has
been administered by officials of the
Constantinople government.

MEMBERS OF CABINET WILL KEEP OFFICES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, December 12—It is
regarded here as practically sure that all
the members of the cabinet will remain
with the administration next term,
with the possible exception of Attor-
ney General Gregory.

Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg



QUAKER OATS PLANT IN CANADA BLOWS UP

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
PETERBORO, Ontario, December 11
—An explosion and fire today in the
Quaker Oats factory killed eight per-
sons and injured ten. The loss was
about \$1,000,000.

RUMANIAN LOSSES HUGE SAY TEUTON DESPATCHES

BERLIN, December 12 (via Say-
ville)—The losses suffered by the Ru-
manian armies since they entered the
war are reported to have totaled not
less than 140,000 prisoners. In addition
to these, the Teutons have taken more
than five hundred cannon. All this is
in addition to the booty captured in
Bucharest.

Japanese Novelist Wills Body To Dissecting Tables

(Special Cablegram to Hawaii Shipto)
TOKYO, December 12—Soseki K.
Natsume, one of the foremost novelists
and authors in Japan died Saturday
night at his residence here. Under the
terms of his will the body will be dis-
sected in the medical department of
the Imperial University within a few
days.

Natsume was once a professor of
literature in the Imperial University,
and after he studied in London for
several years he entered newspaper
life, engaging in the Tokio Asahi
Shimbun at a salary of three thousand
yen a year. Local Japanese are plan-
ning to hold memorial services for the
dead novelist next week.

TRANSPORT SUMNER AGROUND IN FOG

Soldier and Civilian Passengers
Aboard When Ship Goes
Ashore Off Jersey Coast

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
NEW YORK, December 12—The army
transport Sumner bound from Colon to
this city has gone ashore off the New
Jersey coast, not far from Barnegat
Inlet light. The vessel apparently
grounded in the dense fog which has
shrouded the entire coast line for twen-
ty-four hours.

It is believed that the transport is
perfectly safe, but a number of steam-
ers have responded to her wireless calls
for assistance and are now standing
by her. Her wireless operator sent a
message to this city last night, in which
he said that the transport "has jammed
herself so high on the sand that we
can hear the pounding of the surf on
the shore."

The Sumner carried a number of sol-
dier and civilian passengers, but it is
not known just how many.

MARINA SINKING FRESH VIOLATION

Secretary Lansing Believes At-
tack "Clear Cut Case" of
Broken Teuton Promise

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, December 11—Sec-
retary of State Lansing announced to-
day that complete information is now
in possession of the state department
on the sinking of the British steamer
Marina off the Irish coast by a Ger-
man submarine, this information mak-
ing it appear that the sinking was a
"clear cut" violation of Germany's
pledges to the United States to safe-
guard the lives of neutrals and non-
combatants in the campaign against
merchant ships.

SUPREME COURT SETS DATE FOR ADAMSON LAW CASE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, December 11—
Arguments on the constitutionality
of the Adamson eight-hour railroad
law are set for hearing before the
supreme court on January 8.

NAVAL NEEDS OUTLINED BY DANIELS TO CONGRESS

Secretary Declares Nation Must
Have First Call On Shipyards
and Steel Plants Or Construc-
tion Work Will Be Delayed

ASKS COMMITTEEMEN TO
MEET THIS EMERGENCY

Secretary Baker Intimates In
Letter To Clark That Volunteer
System Has Finally Proved
Broken Reed To Lean Upon

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

WASHINGTON, December
12—The pressing needs of
the army and the navy are to be
brought even more sharply to the
attention of this congress than the
last.

Indeed there has already been
presented to the house naval and
army committees some of the more
pressing demands for the two bran-
ches of Uncle Sam's service, and
it is believed here that the pressure
which resulted in the passage of
bills providing for the increase of
the army and navy last summer,
will be even heavier as the time
comes for the additional measures
needed to be brought before "the
house."

DANIELS TELLS NEEDS

Secretary Daniels appeared be-
fore the house naval committee yester-
day and argued that a bill mak-
ing the claim of the government to
preference in military and naval
supplies binding by law instead of
merely a matter of choice on the
part of the manufacturer, become
a part of the naval program to be
adopted this winter.

The secretary told the members
of the committee that unless some
such legislation as he advocates is
passed, he fears that the construc-
tion of the battleships authorized
by the last session of congress
would be delayed indefinitely be-
cause the yards of the nations are
choked with orders for private
work.

This is also true of the steel
plants. Some of the largest of the
last named, he declared are work-
ing three shifts of men a day and
will not be able to catch up with
their contracts for two years.

Wants Shipyards

Secretary Daniels told the members
of the committee that he intends to ask
congress for six million dollars annu-
ally, to be used in the construction and
equipment of navy yards and of govern-
ment shipyards where the imperatively
important work that is needed by the
Navy can be done without loss of time,
while awaiting the completion of some
private contract.

He also outlined the recommendation
of the general board, which urges that
construction of monster battleships
carrying twelve of the heaviest possi-
ble guns and capable of doing at least
25 knots an hour. These ships would
measure about 42,000 tons burden if the
plans are carried into effect.

Needs of Army

Secretary Baker, had written to
Speaker Clark on the needs of the war
department, and especially of the prob-
lem which has been formed by the con-
tinued presence of the militia as a
border guard.

Mr. Baker said in his message to Mr.
Clark that 71,834 guardsmen are on the
border and have been there since the
last day of August. This is out of a
total of 163,800 guardsmen in the United
States under the federal service.

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